

REMARKS

Claims 19-20 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 2-7, 10-18 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to improve readability.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims, as originally filed, and throughout the specification.

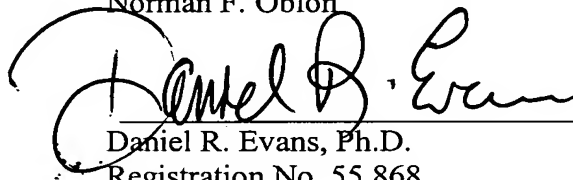
Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-18 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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